

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 2, 2021

Taylor Caswell
Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Director Caswell,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04 and 2021-05 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds:

- 1. Authority for the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOERR) to provide an amount not to exceed \$20,929 in CARES Act funds to the Town of Raymond for emergency relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).
- 2. Authority for GOFERR to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Raymond, vendor #117464, 4 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077 using CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request in attachment, effective through December 31, 2021. (100% Federal Funds).

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor

CC Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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March 31, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION PURSUANT TO RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 20202-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04 2021-05 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06

Dear Governor Sununu,

1. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) requests authority to use an amount not to exceed \$20,929 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding to provide emergency relief to The Town of Raymond during COVID-19, effective upon your approval through July 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds for this payment are available in 01-02-002-020210 - Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery, 19110000 - Office of the Director, as follows:

072-500575 -- Grants Federal

FY2021 \$20,929

 Contingent on approval of item #1, authorize GOFERR to enter into the attached grant agreement with the Town of Raymond, vendor #117464, 4 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077, without further approval, using the CARES CRF. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

On February 8, 2021 the Town of Raymond Sunview Apartments experienced a fire, destroying the building that consisted of 18 units and displacing 38 residents. Due to the extension on the moratorium on evictions, there is an increased shortage of rental housing due to COVID-19, which has increased the length of time these residents need temporary housing while long term solutions are located. The town has been covering temporary housing (hotel stay) for these displaced residents until they find long term solutions.

The Town of Raymond has been using unbudgeted funds from their welfare program to help assist these displaced families. There's no money in this portion of their budget for this type of expense as its typical use is for first month's rent, but not long term housing issues.

There was local relief provided by the American Red Cross, local business and community support along with a Go Fund Me Page called The Front Door Fund to help offset the cost, but it wasn't enough to fill the deficit. As the eviction moratorium due to COVID-19 has exacerbated the rental housing shortage and as the town does not have a pre-existing budget for these expenses, they are an allowable use of the CARES Act CRF funds.

The funds must be used by the recipient by July 31, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Chase Hagaman

Deputy Director, GOFERR